samples lifted by the present East Zone Team and West Zone Team upto 15.2. 1992 after the remedial measures taken by the Department of Prevention Food Adulteration are as under:—

East Zone — 46

West Zone — Nil

(b) There were exigencies requiring the services of the Sub-Divisional Magistrates and other Executive Magistrates on other Official assignments due to which sample collections on Prevention of Food Adulteration side was temporarily reduced.

(c) The assignment of Local Health Authorities is done on administrative considerations from time to time and no condition can be stipulated for future postings.

Hospital beds in the country

967. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hospital/Nursing home and beds available per lakh population State Union territory-wise breakup; and

(b) what steps are being taken to improve the bed position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) A statement showing the number of Hospital/Nursing Homes etc. and beds available per lakh of population in various States/Uts is enclosed. [*See Appendix* CLXIII, Annexure No. 24]

(b) Health being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments to take steps to improve bed position in their States. 205 beds have been added during the 7th Plan period in various Government Hospitals in Delhi. There is a proposal to set up six 100-bedded and one 500 bedded hospital in Delhi.

Homoeopathy treatment for AIDS

968. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has achieved a break through in the treatment of persons infected with HIV (Human Immuno Deficiency Virus) and AIDS;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce the use of Homoeopathy in the treatment control and management of HIV infections in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) According to a recent report submitted by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, 129 HIV infected persons were given Homoeopathic medicine in Bombay. The report claims that 12 out of these, 129 patients have become non reactive to Elisa test after the treatment.

But, from the report, it has been observed that no Randomised Controlled Trial Method was followed and also the criteria for sero-positivity before and after the trial was different.

The question of introducing Homoeopathy medicine for treatment of HIV infected person will arise only after the efficacy of this medicine is established.

Constitution of high powered committee for medical staff

969. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted of high powered committee to look into the pay scales, allowances and promotional avenues of Scientists working in the Central Councils for Research in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the aforesaid committee has made certain recommendations to remove disparity in pay scales, allowances and promotional avenues for Doctors working in CGHS; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which Government propose to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Health) to look into the career improvement of employees possessing professional qualifications of Autonomous|Statutory Bodies, including Subordinate offices of ISM and H.

(b) No Sir. The terms of this Committee did not include Doctors working in CGHS. Another Committee under the chairmanship of Shri R. K. Tikku, Secy. (Coordination) in Cabinet Secretariat had made recommendations about Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy doctors working in CGHS.

(c) The Committee referred to in (a) above submitted its report on November 20, 1991. It is under consideration. It will not be possible to prescribe any time-frame for implementation of the recommendations of the committee, as many organisations are involved and these have financial implications also. The recommendations of the Tikku Committee referred to in (b) above have been accepted and mostly implemented.

गर्भ-निरोधकों की घटिया किस्म

970. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान तारीख 7-1-1992 के दी इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में देश में बनाए जा रहे घटिया किस्म के गर्भ-निरोधकों के बारे में छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने घटिया किस्म के गर्भ-निरोधकों का उत्पादन रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी.के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) कंडोम का वर्तमान स्वीकार्यता गुणवत्ता स्तर औषध और प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम, 1945 की अनुसूची "आर" में उल्लिखित है । अनुसूची "आर" के उपबंध देश में इस्तेमाल के लिए कंडोमों की गुणवत्ता की अपेक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए बनाए गए हैं देश में बनाए गए कंडोमों की गुणवत्ता, घटिया नहीं है क्योंकि यह समय-समय पर यथासंशोधित औषध और प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम 1945 की अनुसूची "आर" में निहित उपबंध के अनुरूप है ।

National child immunisation programmes

971. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation has recommended that Hepatitis 'B' be included as the seventh vaccine in all national child immunisation programmes; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Executive Board of the W.H.O. on the advice of the Global Advisory Group on Expanded Programme of Immunisation, recommended that all countries, which have a prevalence of more than 8 per cent Hepatitis 'B' carrier, should introduce Hepatitis 'B' vaccine in their Immunisation Programme.

(b) There is no plan to initiate routine immunisation with Hepitiis 'B' vaccine in India, because of inadequate epidemiological data regarding prevalence, high